

ELEVEN REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

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Success does not just happen; it takes a process for success to result. There are principles that must be applied if success must be attained in any endeavour of life. There are many who make great effort but end up disappointed without attaining success, because they are ignorant of the right principles that will lead to success. Right knowledge is the key to success in life. An informed man is likely to succeed faster than an uninformed man. Information is the key to growth, advancement and great achievement in life. This is the reason for education.

Prov 4:5-9

5 Get wisdom, get understanding;

do not forget my words or swerve from them.

6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;

love her, and she will watch over you.

7 Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.

Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you;

embrace her, and she will honor you.

9 She will set a garland of grace on your head

and present you with a crown of splendor."

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We are going to consider eleven requirements for success. They are essentials that cannot be set aside if success is on your mind.

1. Vision

Vision gives direction. It is what you live and work for. Vision is the direction a man is going in life. It is what motivates a man to think creatively, work hard, endure pain, and keep striving until success is gained. Vision is a picture you hold in your head of what you want to become or achieve in life. Vision is a spiritual or mental insight into the future of what you want to become or achieve with God's help. No man ever succeeds without a clear and definite purpose, goal or destination. No man embarks on a journey without defining where he wants to go to. You can't start a business without defining what kind of business you want and what you want to achieve with it. Vision is a picture of the end or final destination before you start. You can't begin without being sure where you are ending up. Determine today your destination, and then begin the journey. Let your vision motivate you daily to action, and soon you will arrive celebrating.

2. Passion

After concluding on what your vision is, the next is to develop a passion for it. Without passion, vision will remain a dream and will never be actualized. It is the passion for it that moves a man to action. It is passion for a vision that makes a man to bear pain,

deprivation and suffering in order to see his vision come to pass. Passion for the vision is intense and overpowering emotion for the actualization of the vision. Passion is synonymous with zeal, enthusiasm, excitement, obsession, and fervor. It takes giving your mind to thinking about the advantages of the vision and possibility of actualization to develop strong passion for its actualization. Spend quality time to meditate positively on the vision and a strong passion required for your motivation for the pursuit of your vision will be developed.

3. Gain information through research.

Information is a key factor in the school of success. Knowledge is power. Know-how translates vision into reality. You need to research about the vision and how to make it happen. This is hard work which you cannot escape if you want your dream to become a reality. Search out and write down information about your vision and how to materialize it. Note what is required and how to get it. Cost your vision. Identify resources required for materialization. Identify labour required, equipment required and where to get them. Do a feasibility study of the entire vision to know if it is worth pursuing and the method and requirements of pursuit to success.

4. Raise a good team with special and specific expertise.

- Search out the best you can find who are willing to contribute to the success of your dream that your budget can accommodate.
- Look for skillful and experienced people.
- Look for specialists and not just anybody to fill the space.
- Look for those who will be willing to invest time and energy. They must be available.
- Look for those who are passionate and enthusiastic about their career and work.
- Define roles and responsibilities for each member of the team.
- Put an efficient administration in place.
- Work as a team.

5. Be resolute about succeeding.

Make up your mind that you will succeed. Do not change your mind about it as you face challenges along the way.

6. Determination and persistence are needed.

Pursue your decision to succeed with all your heart and strength. Put in everything you have got to achieve success. Be determined. Do not submit to any challenge. Face challenges and overcome them with the help of God. Walk by faith and do not allow any challenge to drain your energy or stress you out. Partner with God and you will succeed.

7. Funding.

- Find investors with appropriate profit sharing ratio in place.
- If you are not willing to share, you will never find investors.

- Never agree to an arrangement where you will become an employee rather than the owner (part owner) of the enterprise you birthed the vision.

8. Prudent financial management required.

- Keep low profile in spending.
- Spend only on what is necessary. Don't eat tomorrow's profit today when you have not started making profit.
- Keep the cost low.

9. Set deadlines.

- Work with deadlines.
- It helps and pushes you to work harder mentally and physically.
- It helps you to measure your progress.
- It helps you to stay on target.

10. Keep success in view.

- Never allow discouragement.
- Encourage your team mates in times of failure, difficulty and financial challenge.
- Never give up.

11. Depend on God through prayers, fellowship and meditation on the word of God.